

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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This Sunday's Liturgy:

The Epiphany of the Lord *The Revelation Of Christ To The Gentiles.*

We join all the Christian people
of the world in worshipping the
infant King of the Jews.

Times of Services

The Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday 2nd January 2010

5.30 pm Mass

George Thorn (RIP)

Sunday 3rd January

10.00 am Sung Mass

Pro Populo

6.00 pm Mass

John McGloin (RIP)

Monday 4th January

10.00 am Mass

Jer Foley (RIP)

Tuesday 5th January

10.00 am Mass

Stephanie Scott (RIP)

Wednesday 6th January

**10.00 am Mass at the
Sacred Heart**

Thursday 7th January

**10.00 am Mass at the
Sacred Heart**

Friday 8th January

10.00 am Mass

John McEleney (RIP)

Saturday 9th January

10.00 am Mass

Paddy McCarthy (RIP)

**10.30 am Expositon and
Benediction**

Reconciliation/Confession:

After the morning and evening Mass
on Saturday or by arrangement.

Next Weekend

The Baptism Of The Lord

Saturday 9th January

5.30 pm Mass

Michael McLoughlin (RIP)

Sunday 10th January

10.00 am Sung Mass

Lily Smith (RIP)

6.00 pm Mass

Pro Populo

Diary for the Week:

This Sunday

10.00 am Children's Liturgy

Monday

1.45 pm Monday Club

Friday

10.30 am Mothers & Toddlers

Next Saturday

8.30 am Church Cleaning

Next Sunday

7.00 pm Bible Sharing Group

Saturday and Sunday

5.30 pm Children's Liturgy

10.00 am Children's Liturgy



the Pastor's corner

My Dear Friends,

Over the last few years I have been sharing this curious little *line drawing* with you, and I feel sure it is worth me reminding you of its significance again. This Sunday we keep the feast of the Epiphany, sometimes known as the Revelation of Christ to the Gentiles. It commemorates the visit of the Wise Men to the manger and is celebrated in many areas of the world with greater solemnity than Christmas Day, for this day marks the beginning of Christ's "outreach" to those beyond the boundaries of Judaism - the Gentile world!

On this feast day it is customary for the head of each household to mark the doorway of the family home with chalk in the way shown. This tradition symbolized the family's commitment to welcoming Christ into their homes throughout the year. The father wrote on the lintel: AD 20+C+M+B+10

which stands for "Anno Domini 2010 - Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar" and means "the three Holy Kings, in the year of Our Lord, 2010" are protecting this house against all evil.

If you would like to offer this blessing for your home this year, do ask me for a copy of the special blessing prayers.

Please note the slight alteration to our Mass schedule this week. This is due to the fact that I am conducting a funeral in south London on Wednesday.

Finally, I would like to draw to your attention to a beautiful exhibition, which is on at the Sainsbury Wing of the National Gallery - *The Sacred Made Real*. It is a truly moving display of Spanish Polychromatic Religious art and although not cheap to get in, it is well worth doing so, but be sure to take the audio guide as well!!! I'm going again!

God bless.

ON SALE IN THE PORCH

The **PARISH DIARY** for 2010 is still available for £1 as is the **DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK** - at £4.00
Get your copies today!!

White Flower Appeal

Next Sunday we will be having our regular appeal for the work of The Society for the Protection of the Unborn. "White Flowers" will be available at every Mass

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2010

As usual the diocese will be going on pilgrimage to Lourdes at the end of July. If you are interested in joining our parish group be sure to look out for the booking forms as soon as they become available in the near future.